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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: BEEBE SPRINGS NATURAL AREA DEVELOPMENT- PHASE 3

Description of Proposal: The proposal involves design and construction (Phase 3) on a portion of the 64-acre property adjacent to US 97 and across the road from the Chelan Fish Hatchery. Previous work (Phase 2) has been completed on-site. In Phase 3, almost all of the rest of the work shown in the original Site Master Plan will be completed. This work will include about 0.8 acres of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant trails (including boardwalks over wetland areas and at least 1 bridge); up to 13 strategically placed viewpoints, one of which would be on a dock/pier and another a viewing blind; a small boat launch; 2 side channels (off-channel habit) north and south of the Beebe Springs Creek outflow; wetland habitat; (an approximately 14,000 SF wildlife pond will be constructed in the southernmost area of the project, and a small north marsh will also be constructed); landscape restoration (approximately 13.2 acres) consisting of shrub-steppe and riparian vegetation (marsh planting, riparian planting) and selective removal of non-native species; removal of a culvert underneath a former site access road that crosses Beebe Springs Creek; and a Rearing Side Channel near the Columbia River for juvenile fish that will be supplied with fresh water from a pipe with a screened intake located near Beebe Creek Springs adjacent to where the culvert will be removed. Future work, as funding is acquired or available, would include a pedestrian tunnel underneath US 97 connecting the site with the hatchery, a trail extension to the northern portion of the site, and additional landscape restoration on the northern and southern portions of the site. In 2007, in conjunction with Phase 2 work, a Shoreline Substantial Development permit and a Zone Reclassification (Rezone) were obtained from Chelan County for the entire site.

The following documents are incorporated by reference and are available on line at :
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>

Cultural Resources Document -Attachment D

Beebe Springs Phase 3:

Biological Assessment-2010

Wetland Delineation Report

Site Drawings

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Approximately 2.5 miles southeast of the City of Chelan and along SR-97 near the Chelan Fish Hatchery operated by WDFW. It is situated next to the Columbia River (Lake Entiat) and just upstream from the Beebe Bridge on SR-97.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **July 1, 2010**

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: June 17, 2010 **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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Distribution of Environmental Document:

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Adjacent Property Owners (on file)